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1. STATE AND DEFENSE PREPARED TO ACCEPT NEW CONTRIBUTION FORMULAS ON PRO RATA BASIS AS PROPOSED BY SECGEN. IN VIEW TIMING OF FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY BUDGET JUST BEFORE NEW FISCAL YEAR AND INCENTIVE FRENCH ACTION MAY GIVE AUSTRALIA TO DO SAME THING, THERE IS NEITHER TIME NOR PROPITIOUS CLIMATE TO SEEK CHANGE IN TRADITIONAL CONTRIBUTION BASIS. WE BELIEVE FORMULA FOR BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BUDGETS SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME.

2. SECGEN MUST BE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT US EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACCEPTANCE OF NEW PERCENTAGES MAY NOT BE ENDORSED BY CONGRESS. WE HAVE BEEN UNDER PRESSURE OF CHURCH AMENDMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL WHICH WOULD WITHDRAW ENTIRE US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SEATO BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974 AND FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL STUDY OF SEATO'S CURRENT PURPOSE IS EXPECTED. IT IS UNFORTUNATE MOMENT TO APPROACH CONGRESS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INCREASED US PERCENTAGE SHARE. (SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IN WHICH ANTI- SEATO ATTITUDE IS PREVALENT, IS

ALREADY AWARE OF FRENCH ACTION.) IT IS THUS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE ABLE TO ARGUE THAT CUTS WILL BE MADE IN OVERALL SEATO BUDGETS TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS SO THAT THE ACTUAL OUTLAY OF MONEY BY US WILL BE NO GREATER THAN FORMERLY. PORTER

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